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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director(Support)**

**SUBJECT: Inspector General's Survey Report on the Agency's ELINT Program**

1. I have reviewed the Inspector General's Survey of the Agency ELINT Program and generally concur with its specific recommendations. It is believed that the date for submission of a revised Program should be no sooner than 1 June to permit the thorough review warranted by the situation.
2. The implementation of the Agency ELINT Program effectively dates from November 1955 when the supplemental budget funds first became available. In the ensuing 5 and 1/2 months considerable progress has been made despite the factors noted by the Survey. Increased effectiveness requires the presence of competent, experienced personnel in addition to delineations of function and responsibility. The personnel recruiting in this regard has been disappointing; the lack of distinction between staff and command has been awkward. These can and will be corrected but some time will be required.
3. Rule by committee is rarely effective. This case is no exception. I specifically endorse the recommendation that normal Agency project and command procedures be observed with respect to ELINT activities. Some adjustment of specific responsibilities may prove desirable after a sufficient period of operation to prove their need. The preservation of the security of clandestine operations should receive some attention in the revision of the ELINT Program.
4. There is ample evidence of the sincerity of purpose of the Agency personnel involved in ELINT matters. With men of good will dedicated to make it work, there is no reason to believe that ELINT cannot become an effective and completely normal Agency function.

  
Director of Communications

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